1	2
Maharashtra	161.4
Orissa	44.5
Punjab	4.4
Rajasthan	126.4
Tamil Nadu	31.7
Tripura	2.3
Uttar Pradesh	70.4
West Bengal	34.2
Others	5.7
All India	965.5

National Research Centre for Palm Oil

1345. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka had offered in early 1991 amenities for setting up of the National Research Centre for Palm Oil and if so, the details thereof indicating the decision taken in the matter in view of urgent need to improve production and availability and stop forex outflow for vegetable oils; and

(b) whether it is a fact that R & D work on improving productivity of oilseeds under CLUSA AND CIDA projects of NDDB had not progressed satisfactorily, loading to pressure on land and forex for imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The State Government of Karnataka has offered land in Mandya district for establishment of NRC for Oil Palm. ICAR has constituted an expert Committee to identify a possible site. The report of the committee is awaited.

(b) No, Under the NDDB project on Restructing of edible oil, oilseed production and marketing, the productivity of oilseeds has substantially increased in the states under the project.

Procurement price of wheat

1346. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, while fixing the revised procurement prices of wheat for the ensuing season, the inflation of 12 per cent over the year and the managerial cost of production and sale were taken into account besides other usual factors; and

(b) if so, to what extent and what weightage was given to such elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The minimum support price of wheat for the current marketing season has been fixed at Rs. 250 per quintal marking an increase of Rs. 25 per quinal over the price fixed for the previous season. The minimum support price of wheat has been fixed on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries, etc.